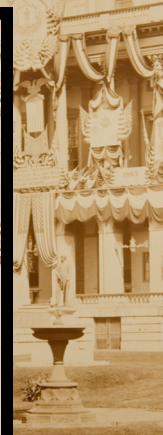




STATE LIBRARY
OF MASSACHUSETTS

The State Library of Massachusetts:



An Introduction to the Library's Treasures



In Senate Jan^y 26. 1789 Read & Concurred
Lam^{ph} & Phillips jun. Treas.
Approved
John Hancock



Introduction

The State Library of Massachusetts has acquired numerous treasures since its founding in 1826. ***The State Library of Massachusetts: An Introduction to the Library's Treasures*** will introduce the public to some of our wonderful collections in the Special Collections Department and the Main Library.

Among these valuable items is a Treasurer's Record Book, which was signed by Governor John Hancock; the Bradford Manuscript; the Haitian Medal, which was a gift to Senator Charles Sumner for his work on recognizing Haitian independence; rare law books; and Audubon's *Birds of America*, which was purchased in 1833 for \$800 and is one of the most treasured artifacts in the Library. This publication also details some of the resources, such as city directories, town reports, and government documents, that are used daily by researchers and visitors to the Library.

I hope you enjoy reading ***The State Library of Massachusetts: An Introduction to the Library's Treasures*** and enjoy learning about these special holdings of the Library. I encourage you to stop by the Library to explore our wonderful collections.

Elvernoy Johnson
State Librarian of Massachusetts

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About the Library

While the Library's main collecting focus remains the same as it was during its founding years—documentation of government history and activities with a special emphasis on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts—materials that joined the collection during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries cover a remarkably wide range of subjects and formats. The Library's main efforts today are directed toward providing access to these materials through public programming, comprehensive guides to unique holdings such as the papers of state legislators, and especially through digitization.



History of the State Library of Massachusetts

1811	1826	1893	1895	1935
1811— Resolve passed on February 16 initiates the exchange of statutes by state secretaries or other officers	1826— State Legislature passes Act formally establishing the State Library	1833— Library purchases J.J. Audubon's <i>Birds of America</i>	1893— Office of State Librarian created; Acting Librarian Caleb Tillinghast is appointed	1895— Library moved to its current location on the third and fourth floors at the rear of the new Brigham Extension
				1935— The Boston Globe donates a large collection of WWI photographs



“Interior of the Massachusetts State Library”

Published in *Ballou's Pictorial Drawing-room Companion*, May 31, 1856

1960

2009

2013

1984

2007

2012

1960— Library named for George Fingold, who served as Attorney General from 1953 until his death in 1958

1984— Legislature designates the Library as the official depository of all documents published by state agencies

2007— Library creates online repository of state documents

2009— Library receives funding to enhance its digital library

2012-2013— Card catalog converted to online public access catalog; books

reclassified from Dewey Decimal to Library of Congress call numbers; collections shifted



Government Documents

Massachusetts State Documents

As the legally-designated depository library for Massachusetts state publications, the State Library has the most complete collection of Massachusetts government documents in existence. While the images in this section highlight older material, coverage of state documents extends from the seventeenth century to the present.

In recent years, many state papers have been published in electronic form. These, in addition to some popularly-requested older materials, can be accessed through the Library's DSpace digital repository.

Collection Highlights *

- Acts and Resolves (1692-present)
- Office of Campaign and Political Finance Reports
- MBTA Bond Issues
- Division of Insurance Annual Reports
- Manual for the General Court (1858-2005)
- Massachusetts Election Statistics (1890-2004)
- Annual Reports of the Attorney General (1832-present)

**Additional items can be discovered by searching the online catalog, DSpace repository, or by contacting a librarian.*

If I should comply with your Request or take any Steps in order to the Removal of the Chief Justice, from his Place, meerly for receiving what is thus granted him by the King, I should make myself chargeable with counteracting his Majesty and endeavouring to defeat his Royal Intentions, expressly signified to me, with aContempt of his Royal Authority, and with a Breach of the Trust reposed in me by my Commission, and I should fear some Mark of his Royal Displeasure. I am therefore in Duty to the King obliged to decline your Request.

I will by the first Opportunity transmit a Copy of your Remonstrance to be laid before the King, and I shall conform to such further Signification of his Majesty's Pleasure as I may hereafter receive.

Province-House,
15th Feb. 1774.

T. Hutchinson.

House Journal, 1774

Excerpt from an 18th-century printing of a House Journal

Convention
...ment, the Senators & Rep^s. assembled in the Rep^s Chamber for the purpose of electing a Counsellor to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Hon. Abraham Lincoln, and the result taken, it appeared that Edmund Cushing Esq^r.

Senate Journal, 1825

Excerpt from a Senate Journal recorded in manuscript form

Approved
John Hancock
True copy
H. H.

Orders Directing the Treasury, Vol.1, 1789

Page records the trademark signature of John Hancock during his second governorship in Massachusetts (1780-1793)

State of Massachusetts Bay
January 8, 1780

FOR Value received for the Use of the State of MASSACHUSETTS-BAY I do in behalf of said State hereby promise and oblige myself and Successors in the Office of Treasurer to pay to the Possessor of this Note the Sum of Fifty Pounds by the First Day of January, One Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty three, with Interest at Six per Cent per Annum.—The Interest to be paid Annually.

Witness my Hand.
John Hancock Governor

Edward D. Green Treasurer

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Lottery Ticket, 1780

Treasury certificate for delayed payment from the Massachusetts State Lottery

Federal Documents

The State Library of Massachusetts has participated in the Federal Depository Library Program for over 100 years. This program, established by the United States Congress and administered through the Government Printing Office, provides the public with free access to government publications.

As a selective depository, the Library's federal documents collection reflects the general subject strengths of the overall collection and contains numerous documents in areas such as the Census, U.S. Congress, the Justice Department, and laws and regulations.

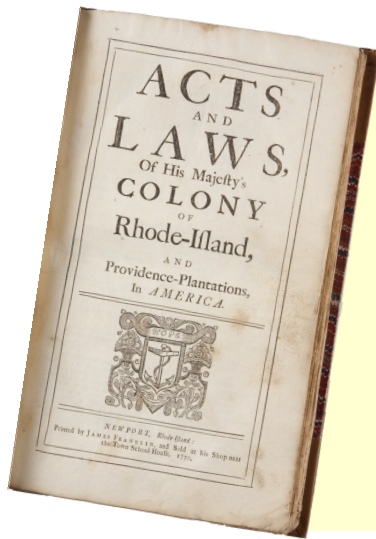


Collection Highlights

- Congressional Record
- U.S. Code
- Code of Federal Regulations
- Federal Register
- Federal Census Information
- U.S. Congressional Serial Set



Budget of the United States Government, 2003



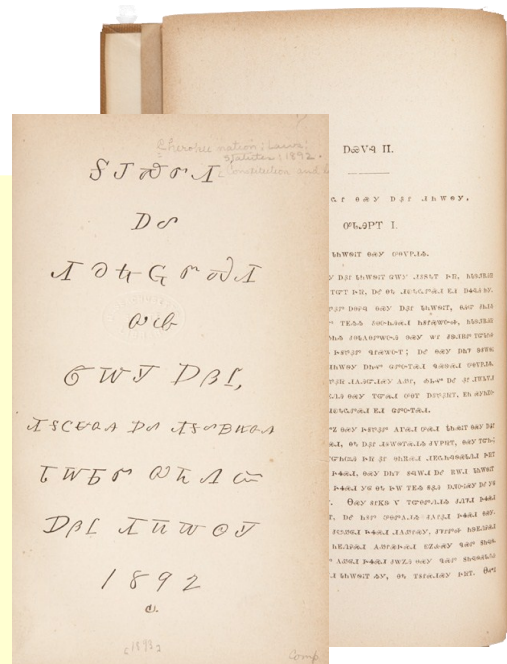
Documents from Other States

Because of the exchange program with other states that was started in the early nineteenth century, the State Library of Massachusetts holds one of the world's best collections of published documents from the states and territories in the United States, from Alabama to Wyoming, and including "territories" that later became states. Coverage extends from the colonial period through the late twentieth century.

**Acts and Laws of His Majesty's
Colony of Rhode-Island, 1719**

Native American Documents

As part of its collecting of government documents from other states, the Library collected published volumes of statutes and laws from locations named for Native American tribes, largely concentrated in the 1860s to 1890s. Holdings include publications from the Councils of the Cherokee Nation, Chickasaw, Creek, Choctaw, Muskogee, Osage, and the "Indian Territory."

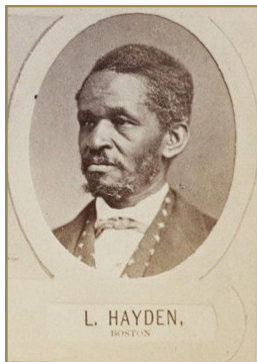


Laws of the Cherokee Nation, 1892

Cherokee language displayed in
script and print

Photographs

Photographs, prints, and pictures covering a wide array of topics can be found in a variety of places within the Library's collections. Most depict people, places, and events important to Massachusetts history. While the images shown in this section represent items that exist individually, or as part of larger photograph collections, images also appear within certain manuscript collections. The Alfred S. Hartwell Papers and the Boston-Halifax Relief Committee (*pages 18-19*) are two such examples.



Massachusetts' first African-American Legislator, Lewis Hayden, elected to the House in 1873

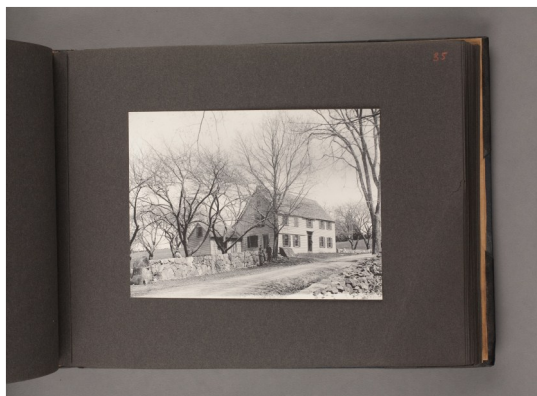
Legislators' Photographs

Photographs of Massachusetts Legislators (shown both above and to the left) are available for both the House and Senate.



Collection Highlights

- Civil War
- World War I
- Massachusetts Legislators
- Historic Homes
- Hoosac Tunnel Construction



Halliday's Old and Historic Homes of New England

The collection consists of 16 albums of photographs published by William H. Halliday. The set includes photographs of colonial and provincial sites in more than 150 locations throughout New England.



Walter A. Brennan, 1917

Veteran Walter A. Brennan of Lynn, Massachusetts: an example from the collection of World War I photographs given to the Library by the Boston Globe



Photograph of Governor John Albion Andrew and Union Officers, circa 1861-1865



The Chelsea Fire, 1908

Panoramic view of the aftermath of the first Great Chelsea Fire, which destroyed almost half of the city

City Directories and Town Reports

Directories and reports are two independent collections which document Massachusetts towns and their residents. Combined, these resources provide a glimpse of not only who lived in individual towns, but also how they lived.



Beverly Directory, 1884

Advertising page from a Beverly, Massachusetts directory



City Directories

This large collection dates from the first Boston directory of 1789 and covers most Massachusetts communities, with the last Boston directory in the collection published in 1981. Directories contain a list of persons residing in a town or city, organized by last name. Some directories also have house guides, which contain listings by address instead of by individual. City Directories and Voting Lists are found in the State Library's Special Collections Department.

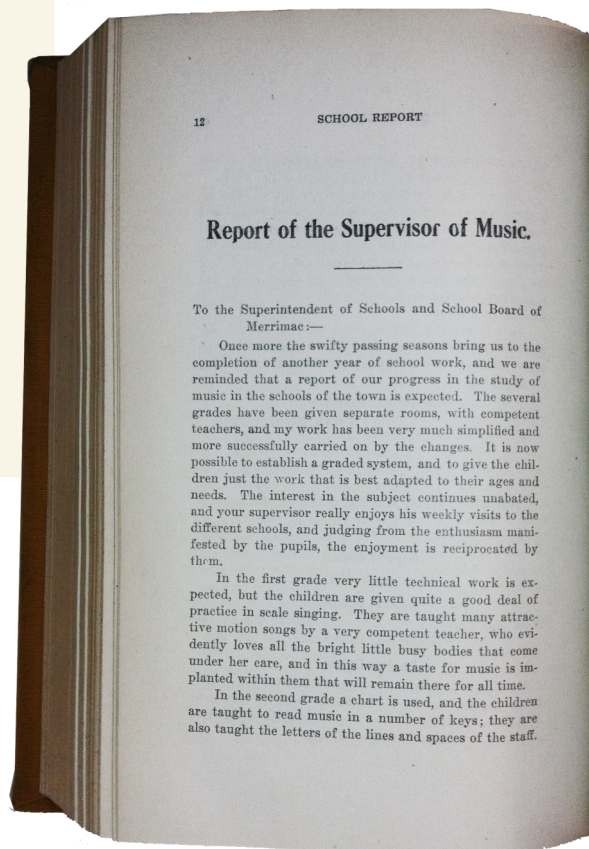
Town Reports

The Library's extensive collection of Massachusetts Town and City Reports dates from the early 1800s to the present. These volumes, which sometimes list specific information about births, deaths, marriages, and school graduates, are located in the Main Library; some recent reports are available through the Library's digital repository.



Boston Directory, 1789

The oldest city directory held by the State Library. The excerpt above shows Samuel Adams as residing on Winter Street.



**Report of the Town of Merrimac,
Massachusetts, 1910**

Maps and Atlases

This broad historical collection covers most Massachusetts communities. It is particularly strong in 19th- and 20th-century commercial publications and in maps and views of Boston.

The Library also holds a number of maps and atlases depicting places outside of Massachusetts. Among one of the oldest and most visually notable is the 1639 illuminated World Atlas pictured below.

Collection Highlights

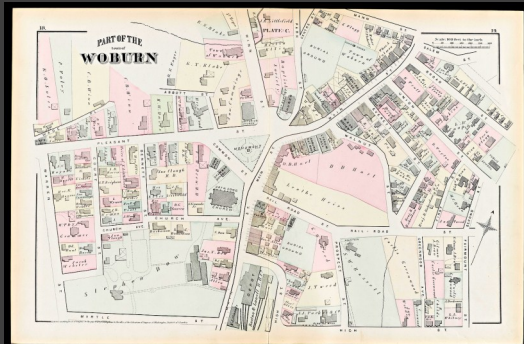
- Real Estate Atlases
- Bird's Eye Views
- Survey Maps
- Architectural Plans



Le Nouveau Theatre du Monde ou Nouvel Atlas, 1639

World Atlas in three volumes, printed in Amsterdam

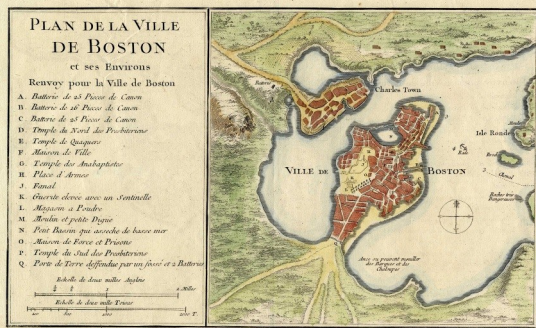
Real Estate Atlases



Map of Woburn from Real Estate Atlas, 1875

As part of a grant-funded project, the State Library has digitized many Massachusetts real estate atlases in its collection. These atlases provide information about property boundaries, plot size, ownership, and building construction. In addition to genealogists and architectural consultants, the collection is heavily used by people researching the history of their homes.

This project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.



Plan de la Ville de Boston, 1760

The Library's oldest map of Boston, created by geographer Jacques Nicolas Bellin, a member of France's hydrographic office



Bird's Eye View Maps

Arial Maps of Monson and Springfield, Massachusetts



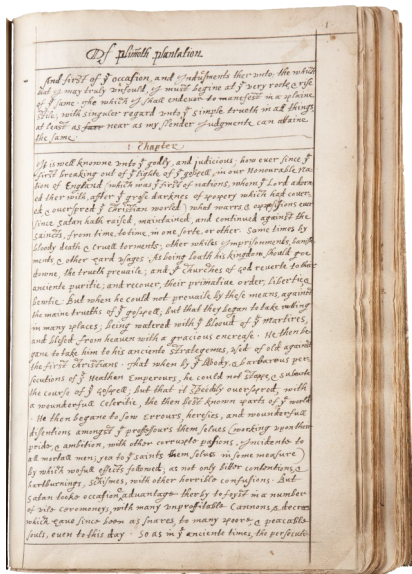
Manuscripts and Manuscript Collections

The Library's manuscripts document people, places, events, and government entities of significance to Massachusetts history. Formats include personal papers of legislators; official committee records; subject collections; diaries and correspondence of military personnel, business leaders, and state government officials; school reports; library records; and records of local community groups.

A project in 2012-2013 to increase access to these collections greatly improved the cataloging records and finding aids, many of which are now searchable online.



Special Collections Department Reading Room



The Bradford Manuscript

The Bradford manuscript is an original document from one of the most significant periods in Massachusetts history: the settlement in 1620 by pilgrims from Great Britain in the area now known as Plymouth.

In addition to describing firsthand the voyage across the Atlantic Ocean in 1620 and then life at Plimoth Plantation, author William Bradford provides a list of original settlers and their family histories, as well as the most authoritative version of the text of the Mayflower Compact.

"Of Plimouth Plantation"

First page of Bradford's narrative of the Plymouth Colony

Boston Female Asylum Records

The Boston Female Asylum was established through a society founded by Hannah Stillman, the wife of the Reverend Samuel Stillman, the well-regarded pastor of the First Baptist Church in Boston. The Asylum, the first public charity established by women in Boston, was initially organized to board only orphan girls. However, the charity soon came to include destitute girls whose families could not care for them.

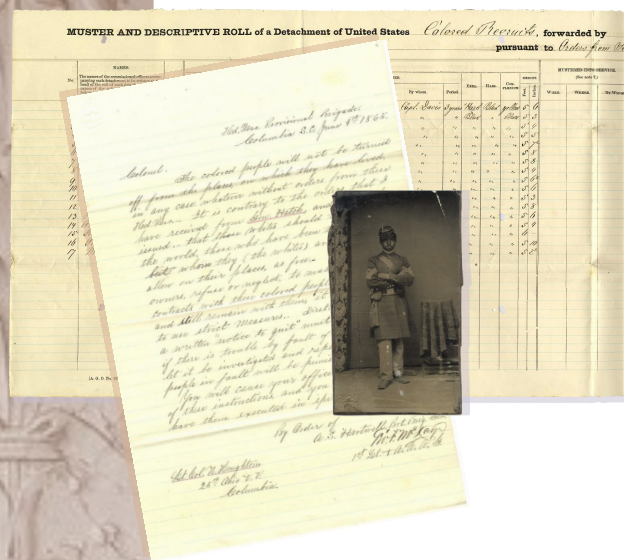
The Boston Female Asylum Records consist of record books including registers of orphaned girls, subscribers, and expenditures. Also included is a volume of publications relating to the organization compiled by Hannah Stillman.



Register of Subscribers

Ledger from the Boston Female Asylum Records

Alfred Hartwell Papers



Alfred Stedman Hartwell (1836-1912) served as a Colonel in the 54th and 55th Massachusetts Regiments during the Civil War. As a commander of the first all-black regiments, Hartwell became aware that the troops were not receiving the fair pay they had been promised at recruitment.

Hartwell's papers contain photographs, muster rolls, and correspondence involved in his investigation into the recruitment practice for black soldiers.

Selections from the Colonel Alfred S. Hartwell Papers

Legislators' Papers

The Library's Special Collections Department holds the papers of former state legislators who have donated materials to the Library. These collections provide insight into the issues of the time and the day-to-day workings of legislative offices. Included in the collections are correspondence, research materials, working papers, and campaign memorabilia. Collections often focus on significant pieces of legislation and issues of particular concern to a legislator.

List of Legislators' Collections

Salvatore Albano	Paul Demakis
Lawrence R. Alexander	Paul Dever
Robert B. Ambler	Carol A. Donovan
Carol C. Amick	Stephen W. Doran
Jack Backman	Marc Draisen
Jarrett T. Barrios	Patricia Fiero
Deborah Blumer	Barbara Gardner
Edward L. Burke	Ronald W. Gauch
John A. Businger	Roger R. Goyette
Daniel W. Carney	Mary E. Grant
Arthur E. Chase	Barbara E. Gray
David Cohen	William Greene
Walter A. DeFilippi	Robert Hahn

Records of the Massachusetts–Halifax Relief Committee




On December 6, 1917, the collision of two ships in the harbor of Nova Scotia resulted in a devastating explosion claiming 1,800 lives and injuring 13,000. The records in this collection contain reports, plans, and photographs documenting the disaster and both the immediate and ongoing relief efforts supplied by Massachusetts.

Items from the Records of the Massachusetts–Halifax Relief Committee, 1917-1919

Marie E. Howe
Frank Hynes
Cheryl Jacques
Sally Kerans
Edward Kirby
Paul Kollios
Richard A. Kraus
John Loring
Robert H. McClain
John E. McDonough
Charles W. Mann
Mary Jeannette Murray
Andrew S. Natsios

Shannon P. O'Brien
John W. Olver
Kevin O'Sullivan
Bill Owens
Marie J. Parente
John F. Parker
Anne M. Paulsen
Lois G. Pines
George Rogers
Mark Roosevelt
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Ms. Coll. 138
Jarrett T. Barrios Papers,
1996-2005: Guide

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator: Jarrett T. Barrios
Call Number: Ms. Coll. 138
Extent: 4 boxes (4 linear feet)
Preferred Citation Style: Folder Title, Box Number
About This Finding Aid: Description based on DACS.
Processed by: Jarrett Barrios, 2006.
Processed by: Finding and prepared by David D. Daughan, May, 2007; updated by Algea
Dates: October 2012
Abstract: This collection documents Barrios's work as a Massachusetts state senator and state representative.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection documents some of the legislative activities and interests of Senator Jarrett T. Barrios between 1999 and 2005. The collection includes subject files on a variety of issues, including the Community Development Act, bilingual education, crime hearing, public housing, correction reform, breast feeding, emergency room/integrations, domestic partnerships, and same sex marriage. Materials include meeting notes, clippings, memoranda, press releases, agendas, schedules, correspondence, publications, photographs, various reports and studies, bills, and a few computer disks. Materials also document the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention of 1992.

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Rare Books and Publications

In volume count and shelf space, the State Library's printed materials are its most significant collection. The Library's recent project to reclassify its books from the Dewey Decimal System to the Library of Congress classification scheme, and the resulting reorganization of the collection, revealed treasures that had been "buried" for many years in the old card catalog. This is especially true in the category of rare books.

Rare Books

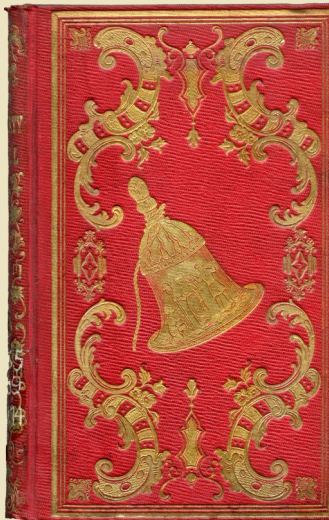
The State Library's collection of rare books is especially strong in Massachusetts and New England history, politics, law, and biography. It also includes legal volumes dating from the seventeenth century, with a strong emphasis on English and Irish legislative history.

Holdings cover literature, art history, natural history, education, and public welfare as well as serial publications in a wide subject range from learned societies and science agencies.



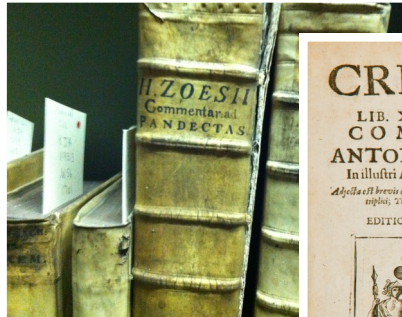
Audubon's Birds of America

In 1833 the purchase of John Audubon's *Birds of America* for 800 dollars incited harsh public criticism. Today, however, the eight large volumes comprise one of the Library's most treasured items.



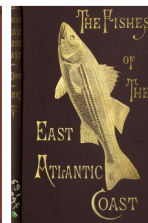
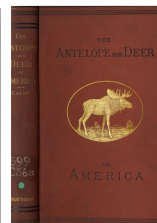
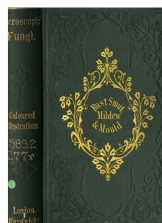
The Liberty Bell

In the 19th century ornately decorated volumes known as annuals, often comprised of hymns, poetry, and short stories, became a popular genre of literature. The Boston-published anti-slavery series, *The Liberty Bell*, is one of the most significant of these yearly publications in the Library's collections.



Foreign Law Books

As State Librarian during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Caleb Tillinghast facilitated the exchange of law materials through communications with foreign officers. This correspondence led to a significant collection of foreign law materials. Featured above is the title page from a 16th-century Roman law book.



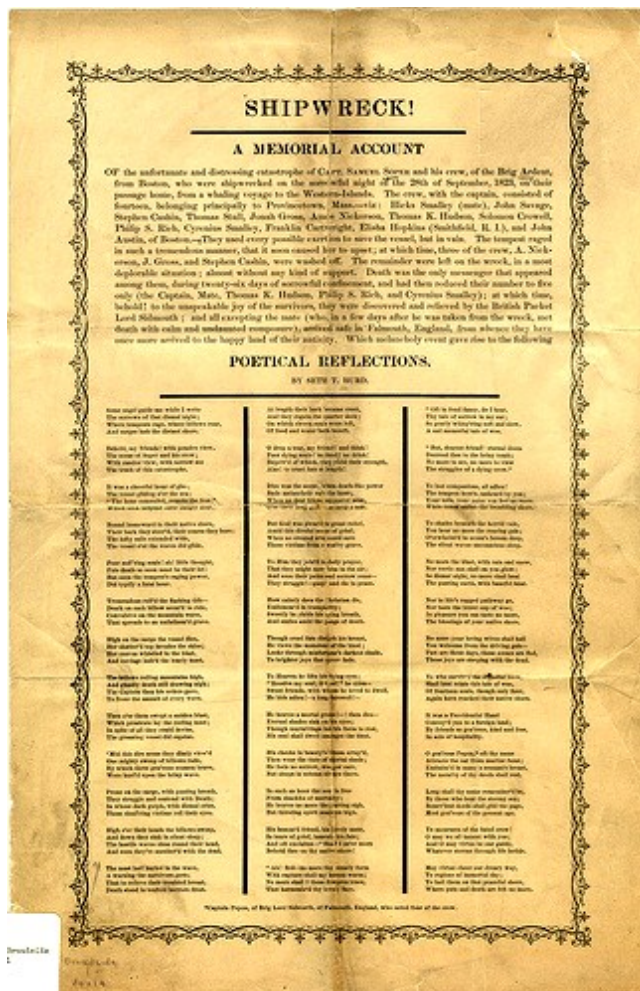
Examples of Decorated Publishers' Bindings

Soldiers' Memorial, 1863



Broadsides

Broadsides are published sheets with information printed on one side, intended to be posted, publicly distributed, or sold. The Library's collection of these publications numbers about 200 and documents state history and government from the American Revolution to the present day.



Shipwreck! A Memorial Account, 1823

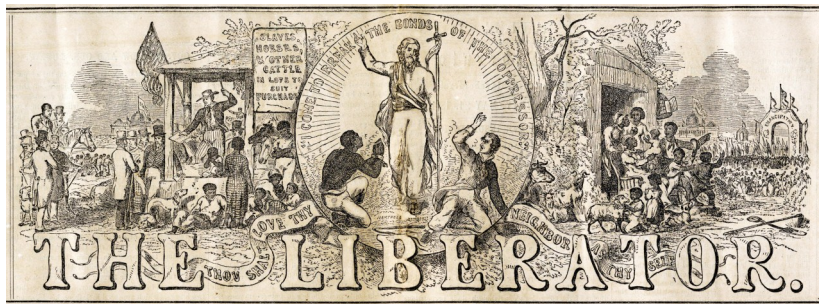
While most of the broadsides held by the Library contain official notices, these posters also have a tradition of conveying songs and poetry. This particular use is demonstrated above with an epic account of a lost whaling vessel.

Newspapers

The State Library has a large selection of historic newspapers covering the 18th century through the present. This collection primarily focuses on newspapers published in Massachusetts. The Special Collections Department houses hard copies and microfilm of historic newspapers, while the Main Library houses current newspapers and microfilm of the state's largest newspapers, such as the *Boston Globe*.

Worcester Yeprad, 1897

The *Worcester Yeprad* was an Armenian-language publication and remains one of many items in the collections representing individual immigrant populations throughout Massachusetts history.



Masthead of *The Liberator*, 1831

The Liberator was a Boston abolitionist newspaper founded by William Lloyd Garrison in 1831 and published continuously through January 1, 1866. The detail from the paper's masthead features religious imagery frequently used in the American abolitionist movement.



Art and Artifacts

The great majority of the Library's collection of art—paintings; prints; drawings; photographs; plaques; busts; objects such as puzzles, bumper stickers, and realia; and textiles—depict state government officials, buildings, events, or individuals significant to Massachusetts history.



**Lithograph of George Washington,
circa 1850-1856**

Reproduction from the portrait painted
by Gilbert Stuart, drawn on stone by
M. Fanoli and published by Goupil,
Vibert & Company

Souvenirs

Souvenirs include posters, programs, calendars, postage stamps, puzzles, mugs, t-shirts, and other artifacts. These items were produced primarily to commemorate a significant event, such as the anniversary of a town's founding, or to promote the work of a state agency or civic group. Included within the souvenir collection is a group of materials from programs and events held in the State House.



The Haitian Medal



In 1871 the Haitian people recognized Charles Sumner for his diplomatic services to Haiti. Sumner (U.S. Senate 1852-1874) was a strong advocate for Haiti's independence and contributed to the passage of federal legislation that recognized Haiti as a sovereign state.

An inscription on the reverse side of the medal reads:

*A Charles Sumner du Senat des Etats-Unis
Le Peuple Haitien Reconnaissant
1871*

Translation: *The Haitian People recognize Charles Sumner of the United States Senate*



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Closed all Massachusetts Legal Holidays

The Main library is located on the 3rd and 4th floors of the State House; the Special Collections Department is located in the basement of the State House, in the West Wing.

While appointments are not necessary to visit the State Library, patrons are welcome to contact the Library in advance so that we can provide the best assistance during your visit.

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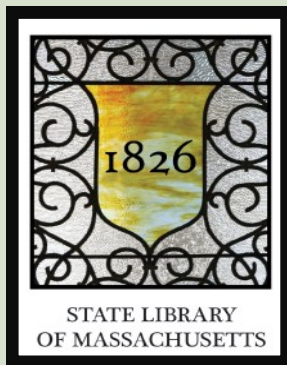
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Stained Glass Window in the Main Library



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